

REMARKS

Claims 10, 11, 13, and 21-48 are pending. Claims 1-9, 12, and 14-20 have been canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer.

The Applicants respond to the Examiner's objections and rejections as follows.

Objection to the Specification. The Applicants have amended Paragraph [0001] of the specification as requested by the Examiner.

Objection to Claim 13. The Applicants have amended Claim 13 to spell out certain acronyms as requested by the Examiner.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102. The Examiner rejected Claims 1-4, 6-8, 12, and 14-20 as allegedly being anticipated by the Boucher patent. The Applicants disagree with the rejections and do not acquiesce in the rejections. Nevertheless, the Applicants have canceled the rejected claims in order to more quickly obtain a patent for the allowable claims. The Applicants reserve the right to pursue the rejected claims, or claims to similar subject matter, in one or more applications.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103. The Examiner rejected Claims 5 and 9 as allegedly being obvious in view of the Boucher patent in view of other references. The Applicants disagree with the rejections and do not acquiesce in the rejections. Nevertheless, the Applicants have canceled the rejected claims in order to more quickly obtain a patent for the allowable claims. The Applicants reserve the right to pursue the rejected claims, or claims to similar subject matter, in one or more applications.

Allowable Claims 10, 11, and 13. The Examiner found that Claims 10, 11, and 13 are allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Applications have rewritten Claims 10 and 13 in independent form. Claim 11 is dependent on Claim 10 and thus allowable because Claim 10 is allowable. Accordingly, the Applicants request that the Examiner allow Claims 10, 11, and 13.

Allowable Claims 21-48. The Examiner found that Claims 21-48 are allowable. Accordingly, the Applicants request that the Examiner allow Claims 21-48.

Comments on Reasons for Allowance. The Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's characterization of the invention or the art of record in the Examiner's reasons for allowance. The Applicants do not acquiesce in the Examiner's characterization of the invention or the art of record. The Applicants reserve the right to take a position contrary to the

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Examiner's characterization of the invention or the art of record in future prosecution or litigation.

Conclusion

The Applicants submit that pending Claims 10, 11, 13, and 21-48 are allowable over the art of record. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner allow Claims 10, 11, 13, and 21-48.

No Disclaimers or Disavowals

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, the Applicants are not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. The Applicants reserve the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that the Applicants have made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

Co-Pending Applications of Assignee

Applicant wishes to draw the Examiner's attention to the following co-pending applications of the present application's assignee.

Serial Number	Title	Filed
10/781,553	System and methods for high rate hardware-accelerated network protocol processing	2/17/04
10/781,338	Hardware-accelerated high availability integrated networked storage processor	2/17/04

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Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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